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NMED Web Site Updated

The New Mexico Environment Department has place several documents on its Web Site about the Gold King Mine Spill. Link: <https://www.env.nm.gov/>

Clean Power Plan

Several of Region 6 governors placed statements on their Web Site:

Press release from Oklahoma Mary Fallin:

http://www.ok.gov/triton/modules/newsroom/newsroom_article.php?id=223&article_id=16490

Press release from Texas Governor Greg Abbott: <http://gov.texas.gov/news/press-release/21278>

2015 Annual Public Drinking Water Conference

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has announced the 2015 Annual Public Drinking Water Conference. Scheduled for August 11-12, the conference will provide information and tools for public water systems. Water operators can attend to earn continuing education unit credits. The conference is free. More: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/drinkingwater/conference.html>

NGA Names AR Governor as Vice Chair of Committee

Governor Asa Hutchinson was named vice chair of the National Governors Association (NGA) Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee by NGA Chair Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and NGA Vice Chair Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe. The Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee handles issues dealing with homeland security; the National Guard and homeland defense; criminal justice and public safety; and veterans affairs.

ADEQ to Hold Workshops

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has scheduled a hazardous waste management and pollution prevention on Aug. 12 in Ft Smith and an additional one on Sept. 17 in Texarkana.

NMED Public Meeting

The New Mexico Environment Department has published notice for a public meeting on August 12:

-  The Water Quality Control Commission - August 12, Santa Fe

ADEQ Announces E-Waste Grant Applications Available

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications for its 2015 electronic waste grants round. The deadline for filing grant applications is Sept. 1,

and the ADEQ anticipates announcing the grant recipients by the end of this year. More information: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/poa/pi/news_item.aspx?nr=2015-07-07 ADEQ Announces E Waste Grant Applications Available POA

Mayors Roundtable on Urban Waters Federal Partnership to Convene During Brownfields Conference

HQ OIR continues to work with the Office of Water on planning for the “Connecting Mayors and Local Government Organizations to the Urban Waters Program Roundtable” scheduled to convene on September 2 during the Brownfields Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The Partnership is an innovative union of fourteen Federal agencies seeking to reconnect communities, particularly those that are underserved, with their urban waterways. Twenty-six mayors are being invited by Mike Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, and Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR), to participate in the roundtable, including New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

Administrator Invited to Address MRTI

Administrator McCarthy has been invited to address the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative MRCTI on September 15th in Dubuque, IA. During the Plenary Breakfast, she has been asked to engage the member mayors on the Clean Water Rule. The Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative is a group of mayors leading a coalition in support of efforts to raise the national profile of the Mississippi River basin.

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